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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAPAN FOR SLAUGHTER CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-140) issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and a complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free from foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and lumpy skin disease.
2. The animals originate from a State that is tuberculosis accredited free. (If this certification cannot be made, then the animals must be tested as required under test requirements.)
3. There has been no outbreak of bluetongue or vesicular stomatitis in the herd of origin for the last 6 months prior to exportation. (If this certification cannot be made, then the animals must be tested for these diseases as required under test requirements.)
4. The herd of origin is not under quarantine for paratuberculosis. (If this certification cannot be made, then the animals must be tested for this disease as required under the test requirements.)
5. The animals were isolated from all other untested animals in a USDA-approved export isolation facility under the supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian for at least 7 days from _____ (date) until the time of movement to the port of embarkation. The animals were inspected during the isolation period and found free of signs of infectious disease.

TEST REQUIREMENTS On Farm Testing:

The animals were negative to the following tests not less than 20 days and not more than 60 days prior to export isolation:

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold using bovine PPD tuberculin. (Test is required only if Certification Statement No. 2 cannot be made.)
2. Johne's disease (Paratuberculosis): Intradermal caudal fold using johnin. (Test is required only if Certification Statement No. 4 cannot be made.)

3. Bluetongue: Complement fixation (CF) test at 1:5 dilution. (Test is required only if Certification Statement No. 3 regarding bluetongue cannot be made.)
4. Vesicular stomatitis: CF test at 1:5 dilution or serum neutralization test at 1:8 dilution. (Test is required only if Certification Statement No. 3 regarding vesicular stomatitis cannot be made.)

USDA-approved Export Isolation Testing:

5. Brucellosis: Standard tube at 1:50 dilution.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The export isolation facility shall be inspected and approved by VS prior to use (see VS Memorandum 592.105).
2. Transporting vehicles must be disinfected.
3. Transporting carriers shall not pass through other countries.
4. No other animals may be transported with the cattle exported to Japan.
5. All hay, straw, feed, and bedding used in isolation facilities and on board the carrier must be free from infectious disease agents.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.